AMENDMENT TO THE VIEWS AND ESTIMATES OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES ON MATTERS TO BE SET FORTH IN THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FY 2008

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After the last sentence under the heading "Securities and exchange commission" insert the following new paragraph:

- 1 The Committee applauds the President's budget ef-
- 2 fort to fund the United States Securities and Exchange
- 3 Commission (the "Commission" and the "SEC") to con-
- 4 tinue its ongoing mission to protect investors, maintain
- 5 fair, orderly, and efficient markets, and facilitate capital
- 6 formation. In 2007, the Commission expects to collect
- 7 \$1,380,000,000 in registration, transaction and merger
- 8 and tender fees, which would be approximately
- 9 \$488,000,000 more than the SEC's anticipated FY 2007
- 10 budget of \$892,000,000. In 2008, the Commission expects
- 11 to collect \$1,138,000,000 in fees, which would be approxi-
- 12 mately \$232,000,000 more than the SEC's FY 2008
- 13 budget of \$905,000,000. The excess fees collected by the
- 14 Commission are a tax on investors and new business devel-

- 1 opment and are not being allocated to the agency's over-
- 2 sight of the United States capital markets. The Committee
- 3 expects to work with the Commission to ensure that fees
- 4 collected by the Commission are either used to improve
- 5 the agency's oversight of the United States capital mar-
- 6 kets or returned to America's investors and businesses.